

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 196

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lacey Whitaker on her selection as the 2016-2017 Sevier County Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Lacey Whitaker is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Lacey Whitaker has been selected as the 2016-2017 Sevier County Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a teacher at New Center Elementary School, Mrs. Whitaker teaches physical education; she spends a great deal of time planning activities to make learning meaningful for her students; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Whitaker's research-based instruction is evident as students use technology, participate in activities, and utilize cooperative learning methods; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to her school, she volunteers her time helping with fundraising, coordinating special events, and planning parent involvement activities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Whitaker is an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Lacey Whitaker truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lacey Whitaker on being chosen as the 2016-2017 Sevier County Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.